

Presenting SSC Pacific: A new name for a stronger organization

The Space and Naval Warfare Systems Center San Diego officially changed its name to SSC Pacific in a ceremony held Sept. 29 in front of its main administration building on Naval Base Point Loma in San Diego. During the ceremony, Commanding Officer, Capt. Mark T. Kohlheim, and Technical Director, Ms. Carmela Keeney unveiled the new sign and logo.

The ceremony, which featured the Navy Band and the formal unfurling of the command flag, included a message by SPAWAR Commander Rear Adm. Michael Bachmann via live video. Other speakers included SPAWAR Deputy Commander Mr. Rod Smith, Cmdr. Boyd Zbinden, commanding officer of the Navy Center for Tactical Systems Interoperability (NCTSI) San Diego, and Cmdr. Baron Jolie, officer in charge of the SSC Norfolk detachment in San Diego.

The 2005 Base Realignment and Closure law directed the realignment and consolidation of SPAWAR claimancy echelon III organizations into two commands, SSC Atlantic and SSC Pacific. Under this realignment, SSC San Diego, not only had a name change, but was augmented with personnel from the SSC Norfolk detachment in San Diego and NCTSI San Diego. Both organizations were designated for disestablishment under BRAC 2005, with their mission and functions consolidated into SSC Pacific.

A small number of SSC San Diego's current surface and sub-surface sensor projects have been realigned to Naval Surface Warfare Center Dahlgren, Va., and Naval Undersea Warfare Center in Newport, R.I.

"The resident genius of our workforce will have an increased role, along with Team SPAWAR's organizational alignments. We will remain the strategic advantage for warfighters and decision makers alike."

Capt. Mark Kohlheim
Commanding Officer SSC Pacific

SSC San Diego has been providing state-of-the-art command and control, communications and surveillance technology to the nation's military from its Point Loma location since 1940. The center manages more than 1,000 programs that develop and deploy capabilities to collect, process, display and transfer information critical to mission performance.

NCTSI San Diego has provided standards management and interoperability certification testing for tactical data systems for the Navy and joint communities since 1977.

SSC Norfolk Det San Diego has been one of SSC San Diego's partners in deploying worldwide, critical network applications to the fleet for both afloat and ashore systems.

With the combined capabilities of SSC San Diego, NCTSI San Diego and SSC Norfolk Det San Diego, SSC Pacific looks forward to making even greater contributions to the fleet.



Capt. Mark Kohlheim, commanding officer of SSC Pacific, with Carmela Keeney, technical director for SSC Pacific. Middle, the ceremony for the stand up of SSC Pacific on beautiful Point Loma, San Diego, Calif. Bottom, principal participants include: Carmela Keeney; SPAWAR Deputy Commander Rod Smith; Capt. Mark Kohlheim; Cmdr. Boyd Zbinden, commanding officer, NCTSI San Diego; Cmdr. Baron Jolie, officer in charge, SSC Norfolk Det San Diego; and Lt. Cmdr. Timothy Gordish, chaplain.